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Remarks

This is an amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116. The purpose of this amendment is to put the application in condition for allowance. The amendments in this amendment are now presented because they are necessitated by the new arguments of obviousness set forth by the Examiner in the official action dated 15 March 2005. The applicant respectfully submits that these amendments do not raise new issues and do not require any further searching.

Following this amendment, claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-18 and 20-28 are pending in the application.

The applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-18, 21, 22, and 25-28 are allowed and that claims 23 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicant has rewritten claims in the manner indicated and has additionally amended Claim 20 to make it depend on Claim 23. The applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-18 and 20-28 are now amended are allowable.

The applicant respectfully requests that the amendments set forth above be entered and that Examiner reconsider the rejection of the rejected claims. The applicant believes that the application as now amended is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests such favorable action. If any matters remain outstanding in the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (650) 485-3015 so that these matters may be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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